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Obama Administration Announces Additional \$42,380,100 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Indiana

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

WASHINGTON – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$42,380,100 for state, county and city efforts in Indiana. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$200,468,383 in Indiana weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12th and detailed at energy.gov/recovery.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

“The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America’s economy and create jobs at the local level,” said Secretary Chu. “The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation’s long term clean energy and climate goals.”

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

IN	Indiana Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations	All	\$ 42,380,100
IN	Indiana	State Energy Office	\$ 14,052,400
IN	Anderson City	City	\$ 560,200
IN	Bloomington	City	\$ 745,000
IN	Carmel	City	\$ 633,000
IN	Columbus	City	\$ 190,000
IN	Elkhart	City	\$ 557,300
IN	Evansville	City	\$ 1,206,000
IN	Fishers	City	\$ 610,100
IN	Fort Wayne	City	\$ 2,474,400
IN	Gary	City	\$ 935,200
IN	Greenwood	City	\$ 193,900
IN	Hammond	City	\$ 728,100
IN	Indianapolis	City	\$ 8,032,300
IN	Kokomo	City	\$ 214,600
IN	Lafayette	City	\$ 659,000
IN	Lawrence	City	\$ 176,200
IN	Mishawaka	City	\$ 219,000
IN	Muncie	City	\$ 665,700
IN	New Albany	City	\$ 165,900
IN	Noblesville	City	\$ 170,000
IN	Portage	City	\$ 151,100
IN	Richmond	City	\$ 169,200
IN	South Bend	City	\$ 1,046,800
IN	Terre Haute	City	\$ 617,700
IN	Allen	County	\$ 404,500
IN	Clark	County	\$ 438,900
IN	Elkhart	County	\$ 629,800
IN	Hamilton	County	\$ 362,400
IN	Hendricks	County	\$ 546,900
IN	Lake	County	\$ 2,979,700

IN	LaPorte	County	\$ 462,900
IN	Porter	County	\$ 511,800
IN	St. Joseph	County	\$ 453,400
IN	Tippecanoe	County	\$ 416,700

In addition, today's announcement includes funding for the following Tribal governments in the state:

IN/MI	Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan and Indiana	\$ 233,800
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(NOTE: If a Tribal government spans more than one state, the number above reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.)

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm.

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